

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
City Charter Commission
City Hall, 5440 Fulton Industrial Blvd., South Fulton, GA 30336
November 1, 2022



Attendees: **Benny Crane**
 William “Bill” Edwards, Chair
 Doree Henry (Arrived at 6:05 PM via Zoom)
 John Herring
 Judge Kenya Johnson, Vice Chair
 Daphne Jordan
 Cecily Cole Martin
 Suzanne Ockleberry
 Marshall J. Taggart, Jr. (Arrived at 6:16 PM via Zoom)

Staff: **Corey Adams, Sr., City Clerk**
 Reginald McClendon, Assistant City Attorney
 Katherine Vernet, Assistant City Attorney
 Renardo Paschal, Deputy City Clerk

Meeting Summary Minutes

Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The roll call was conducted. A quorum was present. Dedrain “Dee” Franklin was absent.

The invocation was administered by Mr. Crane.

The pledge of allegiance was recited in unison.

Mr. Crane moved the approval of the meeting agenda as printed. Mr. Herring seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Ockleberry moved the approval of the October 18, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Judge Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Ockleberry moved that Section 2.11 (h) is amended as follows: Remove the term “current legal residential address” and keep “proof of residency” and add “in the City of South Fulton”. Ms. Jordan initially seconded the motion but removed her second.

Ms. Ockleberry moved that Section 3.25(1) is amended as follows: Add the word suspend only allow the city manager to “suspend” (add that word) or remove (that word needs to be consistent throughout the Charter – use remove rather than terminate) with approval from majority of City Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Martin. The Clerk advised that the body voted on August 16 to use the terms “suspend or terminate.” Ms. Ockleberry agreed and indicated that she was seeking consistency throughout the document. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Ms. Henry and Mr. Taggart requested that their vote is recorded in the affirmative on the previous vote. With the concurrence of the body, the record reflects Ms. Henry and Mr. Taggart's votes.

Ms. Ockleberry moved that Section 4.12 is amended as follows: allow same process for removal of City Manager in Sec.3.23 for City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herring. The motion was approved 5-2-2. Voting Yes: Ockleberry, Henry, Edwards, Herring, Martin Voting No: Crane, Jordan Abstained: Taggart, Johnson

Ms. Ockleberry moved that Section 4.12(c) is amended as follows: City Attorney compensation should be confirmed by City Council – same as for City Manager. The motion was seconded by Judge Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Ockleberry moved that Section 7.18 is amended as follows: Change the language to – No member of the charter commission shall hold any elective office in the city. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herring. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Edwards advised that the Commission would review the proposed changes and provide acknowledgement of review of the revised Charter. Upon affirmatio from all members, a signature line will be available for each member to provide their signature.

The Clerk indicated that each member would receive a certificate from the City.

Ms. Ockleberry moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herring. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. The meeting concluded at 6:48 PM.

Note: Video of the meeting is available on Youtube and verbatim minutes are being developed.